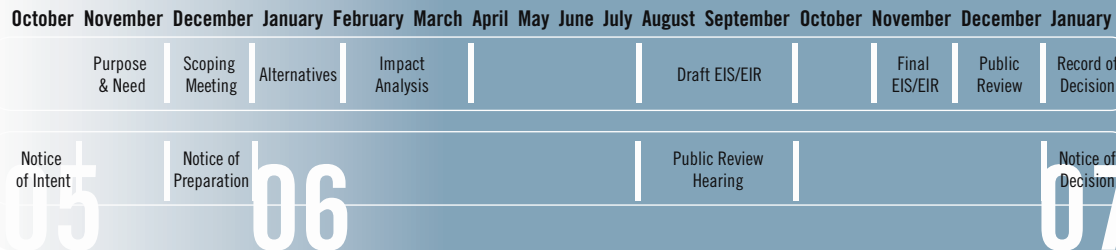


EIS/EIR PROCESS

Combined Federal Effort

Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) processes both provide an opportunity for the public and concerned agencies to help clearly identify and define environmental issues and alternatives to be examined for a proposed action. The NEPA/CEQA process is intended to help public officials make decisions and take corrective actions based on an understanding of the environmental consequences.



HOW IS THE PUBLIC INVOLVED?

The Combined Federal Effort is seeking public comment early in the EIS/EIR process and at critical milestones throughout the EIS/EIR process.



SCOPING

This is one of three open houses by the Corps, Reclamation, The Reclamation Board and SAFCA to present their combined efforts: Reclamation's Folsom Dam Corrective Action Study, Corps Folsom Dam Modifications and Folsom Dam Raise Projects.

The purpose of the scoping phase is to define the issues that will be studied during the EIS/EIR process. You are invited to provide input on issues relevant to defining the range of alternatives and analyzing environmental impacts. Scoping comments can be provided in person, by mail, or by e-mail or fax, and are due by close of business, January 13, 2006.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIS/EIR

The general public and state and federal agencies will have an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS/EIR, which will be distributed at the beginning of a 60-day comment period when the Draft EIS/EIR is finished in late 2006. A public hearing will also be held during the review phase to officially record oral comments regarding the Draft EIS/EIR. Public comments received during this phase will be addressed in the Final EIS/EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF FINAL EIS/EIR

Once the Final EIS/EIR is prepared, it is released to the public for a final 30-day review before Reclamation prepares and adopts the decision. The Record of Decision (ROD) will summarize and address any outstanding comments that are relevant to the Final EIS/EIR.

WHAT IS THE ROD?

The ROD will document the alternative selected by the Corps, Reclamation, The Reclamation Board and SAFCA.

The ROD will identify all of the alternatives considered and the environmental, economic, and any essential considerations of national security in reaching the decision.

The ROD will include the consideration of measures made to avoid or minimize effects from the selected alternative.

A Notice of Determination (NOD) will complete the CEQA process for California.

The ROD is the final step in the EIS/EIR process.

